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SUBJ: LIBYAN ANNOUNCEMENT AND THEN CANCELLATION OF  
NEW POSTED PRICES

1. LIBYAN MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM ON 30 DECEMBER ISSUED

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LETTER TO ALL COMPANIES OPERATING HERE WHICH SET

JAN 1, 1974 POSTED PRICE AT \$15.76 PER BARREL. DURING LATE AFTERNOON MINISTRY MESSENGERS APPEARED AT COMPANIES TO RETRIEVE LETTERS. NO EXPLANATION GIVEN FOR RETRIEVAL, BUT LIBYAN MEMBERS OF COMPANY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES SAY PRICE GOING UP EVEN MORE. NO PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT YET MADE.

2. \$15.76 PRICE APPEARED SOMEWHAT MODERATE. IT APPARENTLY BASED UPON \$11.61 BASIC PRICE FOR ARABIAN GULF CRUDE WITH ADJUSTMENTS FOR FREIGHT AND SULFUR. LARG COULD HAVE DOUBLED PREVIOUS \$8.92 POSTINGS, SO THAT LIBYAN INCREASE WOULD BE PROPORTIONATELY, NOT ABSOLUTELY, IN LINE WITH GULF. IT QUITE POSSIBLE THAT LETTER RETRIEVALS LATE DECEMBER 30 ARE PREPARATORY TO JUST SUCH A RECALCULATION.  
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